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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-24 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 - 24 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 23, 24 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 8 January 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claims 1 – 24 are presented for examination.

Claim Objections

Claim 23 is objected to because of the following informalities: the phrase "The magnet of claim 22" is unclear because in claim 22 there is no indication of a magnet. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim 24 is objected to because of the following informalities: claim 24 is a method claim and depends on claim 17 which is an apparatus claim, it is improper to depend a method claim on apparatus claim. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1 – 24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Lutz (6,522,130).

As to claim 1, Lutz discloses an accurate rotor position sensor including a ring magnet (200, fig. 7) couplable to the rotatable member (712), the magnet (200) defining

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magnetic flux lines (Note fig. 1 and 2), portions of the magnetic flux lines being main flux lines emanating away from the magnet (flux lines immediately emanating from the magnet) and portions of the magnetic flux lines being return flux lines returning to the magnet (emanated flux line after being immediately emanated becomes a return flux line); and at least one magnetic field sensor (722 in fig. 7 and 109 in fig. 1 and 2) disposed in at least one return flux line and outputting a signal representative of the angular position of the magnet (Abstract lines 1 - 4).

As to claim 9, Lutz discloses a method for determining rotor position wherein providing a disk-shaped magnet (100, fig. 1, col. 4, lines 4 - 9) defining magnetic flux lines, portions of the magnetic flux lines being main flux lines (flux lines immediately emanating from the magnet) and portions of the magnetic flux lines being return flux lines returning to the magnet (emanated flux line after being immediately emanated becomes a return flux line); sensing magnetic flux in at least one return flux line (109 in fig. 1); and outputting a signal representative of the angular position of the magnet, based on the sensing act (Abstract lines 1 - 4).

As to claim 10, Lutz discloses that the magnet (200, fig. 2) is annular.

As to claim 17, Lutz discloses an accurate rotor position sensor including magnet means (200, fig. 7) for generating magnetic field; and sensing means (722 in fig. 7) disposed in return flux lines (emanated flux line after being immediately emanated becomes a return flux line) generated by the magnet means (200) for outputting a signal representative of an angular position (Abstract lines 1 - 4).

As to claim 18, Lutz discloses that the magnet means is a ring magnet (200, fig. 2) and the sensing means is a sensor (109).

As to claim 2, Lutz discloses that the sensor (109, fig. 1 and 2; 722, fig. 7) is disposed radially outside of an outer diameter of the magnet (100, 200).

As to claims 3, 11 and 19, Lutz discloses that the sensor is a Hall effect sensor (109, fig. 1 and 2) (col. 4, line 28).

As to claims 4, 12 and 20, Lutz discloses that the sensor (722, fig. 8) is oriented to sense a radial component of magnetic flux (col. 4, lines 47 - 54).

As to claims 5, 13 and 21, Lutz discloses that the sensor (109 in fig. 1 and 2; 722 in fig. 8) is located in a return flux line at a location where the return flux line is substantially parallel to an annular surface of the magnet (100, 200).

As to claims 6, 14 and 22, Lutz discloses that the sensor (722) is oriented to sense an axial component of magnetic flux (fig. 7, col. 4, lines 8 - 32).

As to claims 7, 15 and 23, Lutz discloses that the magnet (200) defines a central axis (714) and a plane perpendicular to the axis, the sensor (722) being disposed substantially in the plane (fig. 7).

As to claims 8, 16 and 24, Lutz discloses that the rotatable member (712) is a vehicle component (col. 1, lines 10 - 13).

Prior Art of Record

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Kuhrt et al. (3,317,829) is cited for its disclosure of a translating device for converting a mechanical magnitude into an electric frequency.

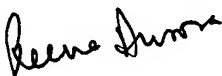
Lutz (6,693,422) is cited for its disclosure of an accurate motor position sensor and method using magnet and sensors mounted adjacent to the magnet and motor.

Pointer (6,771,065) is cited for its disclosure of an apparatus for sensing rotary position.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Reena Aurora whose telephone number is 571-272-2263. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday, 7:00 - 3:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, E. Lefkowitz can be reached on 571-272-2180. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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